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MEMORANDUM FOR: Security Officer, CIA
Attention: []
VIA: PT/CS
SUBJECT: Alfred Kohlberg Letters to CFA

1. Pursuant to your conversations with [] on this subject, I am attaching a copy of a recent communication received by CFA from Alfred Kohlberg and CFA's suggested reply, which the President has indicated will not be forwarded unless instruction to that effect is received from this office.

2. There is also attached, in the event you have not already received it, a copy of the letter which CFA forwarded to Mr. Kohlberg in response to his first communication.

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Acting Chief, Far East

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TEXT OF LETTER DATED JULY 25 FROM ALFRED KOHLBERG TO CFA

"Thank you for your letter of July 10 stating that my suggestions for candidates for membership on your committee would be welcome. I appreciate your kindness but feel that nominations by me would seem to be in very bad taste.

I am happy to have your explanation that your committee is not a State Department front, but I always am aware that he who pays the piper, calls the tune, and that the committee for a Free Europe is said to be subsidized by the CIA. While they may not call the tune, I feel they must have some influence in the selection of the music.

I also noticed on your Committee some of the leaders of the San Francisco business community and recall that in 1949 your Chamber of Commerce passed resolutions favoring the recognition of Red China. It is difficult for me therefore to believe that men who thought Red China should have been recognized out of hand are competent to decide what is good for a Free Asia, or even would constitute a Free Asia.

I sincerely hope that my doubts will prove unfounded. Meantime I am adding your committee to my mailing list and that of the American China Policy Association, Inc., as I think you may find our material of some interest, and would greatly appreciate it if you could add my name or that of the American China Policy Association, Inc., to any mailing list which you may set up."

Very Sincerely yours,

P. S. "I enclose H. Con. Res. 138 introduced by Congressman Kersten of Wis. referring to the freeing of China, which may not have come to your attention."

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SFA DRAFT OF PROPOSED REPLY TO ALFRED KOHLBERG LETTER OF JULY 25, 1951

Thank you for your letter of July 25 and the enclosed copy of H. Con. Res. 138 introduced by Congressman Kersten of Wisconsin which had not previously come to our attention. We are glad to know of this resolution which is in accordance with the American Declaration of Independence and the spirit of our Constitutional Bill of Rights which we consider to be among the most important articles for observance in, as well as export from, the United States. The principles therein are indeed worthy of emulation and enactment. However, our charter prevents us from engaging in propaganda, or otherwise attempting, to influence legislation of our government.

We are not aware of any subsidy arrangement between CIA and the National Committee for a Free Europe. I can only reiterate that the sources of our fund are as stated in our prospectus and my letter to you of July 10, and that the policies of this committee are determined by our executive committee and directors and not by the State Department or any governmental agency.

Whatever may have been the attitude of the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce in 1949 concerning the recognition of Red China, every member of our committee is opposed to appeasement or recognition of Communist domination of China or extension of such domination to any other part of Asia. It is for this reason that they have established this committee to combat communism in Asia.

Thank you for adding our name to the mailing list of American China Policy Association, Inc. We shall be glad to reciprocate.

Yours sincerely,

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TEXT OF LETTER TO MR. ALFRED KOHLBERG, DATED JULY 10, 1951, FROM CFA

In answer to your letter of June 27, this committee is in no sense "A State Department Front"; neither are we obliged to explain, apologize for, or endorse the administration's Far-Eastern Policy, whatever it may be. We had at first considered seeking financial support from public subscriptions, but our affiliation with the Crusade for Freedom and the initial voluntary undertaking of the National Committee for a Free Europe to underwrite our organization expenses, as well as the encouragement we received from private foundations and their interest in assuming part of the financial responsibility for this Committee's program, obviated the necessity of an immediate public campaign by this committee.

While the committee is rounding out its program your suggestions of candidates for membership are welcome and will receive serious consideration by our membership committee at its next meeting.

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